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all the dyed yarn required for the use of the weaving sections of the Industries Department as well as of the Central Prison. There is a good demand from outside markets for rattan articles and a large number of articles of improved pattern have been made and supplied during the course of the year. The carpet-making looms in the School of Arts have been repaired and got ready for work. The manufacture of carpets has already been taken up. The Embroidery and the Lacquer work sections are also doing fairly good work. The continuance of these minor industries has been provided for in the Industries budget. The Experimental Tannery at Karamanai which was being continued on a temporary basis from 1100 is proposed to be abolished from the beginning of the next year.

22. *Medical, Public Health and Sanitation.*—The allotment for the next year is Rs 12·27 lakhs. It is proposed to abolish the posts of the two Deputy Darbar Physicians. The Darbar Physician will, in future, be the sole Head of the Medical department, though he will continue to be the principal Medical Officer of the General Hospital as well. His designation will be changed into "Darbar Physician and Superintendent, General Hospital". During his absence from headquarters on tour, the General Hospital will be under the charge of one of the Medical Officers attached to that institution, who will be designated as "Assistant Superintendent, General Hospital". The Assistant Superintendent will not only be responsible for the efficient conduct of work in the institution during the Darbar Physician's absence on tour, but will also attend to such duties, as may be assigned to him by the Darbar Physician even when the latter is at headquarters.

Besides for the continuance of the special temporary staff of Medical Officers for Leprosy work and of the additional subordinate staff in the Kayencolam District Dispensary for the same purpose, provision has been made in the Medical budget for the appointment of a small additional staff for hospital work. In view of the increasing attendance at the Ayurveda Hospital provision has been made in the Ayurveda budget for strengthening the compounding staff in the hospital.

Public Health.—Government have recently notified both primary and re-vaccination compulsory in all the karas of the State except in the Devicolam District. A thorough and intensive vaccination campaign was accordingly started in Kumbham last, both in rural and urban areas. The scheme of the campaign in rural areas is to conduct intensive vaccination in all the 9 Sanitary Circles of the State, taking one by one, the pakuthies of the taluks falling within the nine circles. The Medical Officer of Health attached to the Public Health Department is in charge of the campaign. For

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the conduct of the campaign the existing permanent staff of Circle Officers and Vaccinators has been strengthened by the appointment of a temporary staff of nine Sanitary Inspectors. In urban areas, the Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors and Vaccinators attached to each Municipality form the campaign staff. To enlist the co-operation of the people and to educate them, a regular propaganda work is also being conducted through the medium of cinema, chart and lantern lectures, wall-posters, leaflets and other agencies. Out of the 402 pakuthies comprised in the nine Sanitary Circles of the State, the campaign work has already been completed in 59 pakuthies and it is in rapid progress in 54 pakuthies. The total number of vaccination cases performed in the rural areas alone since the inauguration of the campaign in Kumbham last up to the end of Edavam last is about 7 lakhs. The campaign is to be continued next year, for which provision has been made in the budget.

The Public Health Laboratory, co-ordinating the Bacteriological Laboratory, the Vaccine Depot and the Chemical Examiner's Office was organised in Kanni last. Though the Laboratory started work only very recently, it has already begun to justify its existence by the useful work turned out in the short period of less than a year. The various diagnostic tests and vaccine productions show a three to five fold increase. The amount of typhoid vaccine produced during the current year is about five times that in previous years and it has been possible to make a reduction of 75 per cent. in the price of the vaccine, besides supplying it free of cost to the poor, in order to encourage its popular use. In fact, it was the vaccine produced at the Public Health Laboratory that was successfully used for combating the typhoid epidemic that broke out in Trivandrum a few months back. The Public Analyst has returned after training in Bangalore and he will be engaged in the analysis of all common articles of food found in this country. If it should be possible for the Laboratory to show the best results, it is necessary that there should be an up-to-date building for housing the different branches of the Laboratory. Provision has therefore been made in the P. W. D. budget for the construction of a suitable building for the purpose.

Provision has also been made in the Public Health budget for the appointment of an Assistant Surgeon for the Bacteriological branch of the Public Health Laboratory for testing the purity of vaccines and for the study of enteric group of diseases. With the merging of the Vaccine Depot in the Public Health Laboratory, it is proposed to abolish the postsof the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of that institution creating against them the post of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon for supervising the production and distribution of vaccine.

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The Hookworm Treatment campaign and the Vital Statistics sections are proposed to be abolished from the beginning of the next year. Provision has been included in the budget for grants to Municipalities for mosquito control and also for the control of filariasis in the Shertalai taluk.

23. *Stationery and Printing.*—The Government Press, the Stationery and the Central Printing Office are at present under the administrative control of separate officers, each independent of the other. As these are allied institutions, Government consider that it would be conducive to their better management if they are placed under a single officer, as in Mysore and other places, so as to co-ordinate their functions. It is therefore proposed to amalgamate the three institutions and place the combined department under the control of a single officer designated "Controller of Stationery and Printing." With the appointment of the Controller, the Special Officer for the Standardization of printed forms will cease to function, any work that may remain to be done by that officer being thereafter attended to by the Controller. Provision has been made for the stock-taking of the publications in the Government Press, as also of the type plant in the Government Press and the Central Prison Press. Provision has also been included for the printing and sale of Malayalam readers and copy books.

24. *Co-operative Department.*—The accounts of more than half the number of Co-operative Societies in the State were, till last year, being audited by the Supervising Unions. The Unions having however, expressed their reluctance to attend to the work of audit on the ground that it does not pertain to their normal functions, Government have taken on themselves the responsibility of audit of all the Societies registered under the Regulation. There are at present about 2,000 Societies to be audited. As it would not be possible for the existing staff of the department to satisfactorily audit the accounts of such a large number of Societies within a reasonable time, a special temporary staff of 8 Inspectors has been appointed for the purpose. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the five Group Secretaries for Co-operative Societies of Depressed classes, as well as for the payment of the usual grants to Co-operative Conferences and Supervising Unions. Funds to the extent of Rs 10,000 are proposed to be placed at the disposal of the Protector of Depressed Classes for carrying out measures for the general amelioration of the depressed classes in the State. His programme will, in general, include construction of houses, sinking of wells and organisation of new Co-operative Societies. The Devadhar Committee have just finished their work and the final report is awaited.

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